porters are pending for their supplies to various Governments Departments, if so, wnat are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) A few cases of alleged manipulators of the provisions of Advance Licensing Scheme have been noticed by the Ministry of Commerce, who administer the scheme and monitor the export obilgations. The relevant provisions shall be reviewed to plug the loopholes and action against such parties will be taken according to law.

(b) and (c) The manipulaton could relate to over invoicing of export goods or over statement of CIF value of inputs in application for Advance Licences in order to avail higher CIF value of duty free inputs, inclusion of items indivenously available or items attracting very low rate of duty in application for Advance Licence to inflate the CIF value wnich could be used for import of higher duty items under Value Based Advance Licences. Since Value Based Advance Licences were introduced w.e.f. 1-4-92 and the cases are yet under investigation, information for the last three years cannot be furnished. The Department of Revenue has detected some cases.

(d) and (e) Some cases are under investigation and action according to law will be taken.

(f) Under the Customs Act, 1962, duty drawback is admissible only on exports and not on supply to Government Departments.

British/Austrian aid to A. P. Projects

*297. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government posed "Jurala Hydro Electric Project" to the British and Austrian Governments for providing grants/soft loan as requested by the A.P. Government

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what is the amount expected/ sanctioned from/by the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested Ministry of Finance to pose the Jurala Hydro-Electric Project to the British and Austrian Governments for grants/ soft loans. The project has not been posed for availing of assistance from the two countries since Environmental clearance for the project has not been given.

Relief/subsidy to riot affected Persons

*298. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases and amount of Relief/Subsidy given to the Riot Affected Borrowers uptill 31st July, 1993;

(b) the total number and amount of claims applied for; and

(c) what are the further concessions which are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Member presumably is referring to the relief given to the November, 1984 riot affected borrowers. Reserve Bank

of India (RBI) in consultation with the Government had prepared a scheme known as "Central Interest Subsidy Scheme for November, 1984 Riot ffected Borrowers" and circulated it to all the commercial banks in September, 1990 for implementation. The Scheme envisaged that banks shall, in deserving cases, charge the November, 1984 riot affected borrowers interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on their outstanding eligible loans. The banks have provided interest relief of nearly Rs. 23.50 crores and lodged claims for the interest subsidy of that amount with RBI.

(c) With a view to provide further relief to November, 1984 Riot Affected borrowers, Government have decided that the aggregate of eligible loans from all banks upto and inclusive of Rs. 25,000 as principal, together with outstanding interest, may be written of, interest rate be scaled down to 1 per cent on the remaining loans upto 31-3-1992 and the repayment of the balance amount be spread over 5 years at the normal rate of interest.

Postponement of $1.2 Billion Loan by World Bank

*299. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has been forced to postpone the sanctioning of a $1.2 billion loan to the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on environmental grounds, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of steps Government have taken to satisfy the World Bank on this count; and

(c) whether Government have considered some alternate avenues to fund such a large amount of financing, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) No, Sir. The World Bank has already approved on June 29, 1993 a loan of US$ 400 million to the National Thermal Power Corporation for its Power Generation Project as the first tranche in a series of three amounting to US $ 1.2 billion.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Finance from EEC Nations for Projects in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

*300. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the matters in which the EEC Division of the Finance Ministry in its capacity as a nodal agency, has been instrumental in getting projects, finances and other collaborations for Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh from EEC Nations during the current year;

(b) what is the total amount involved in such projects etc; and

(c) what are the proposals which are in the pipeline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) EEC Division of the Finance Ministry has been able to secure external concessional finances from EEC member, States in the areas of public health, watershed development, power sector, slum improvement and agricuture for the States of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year. The amount involved in such projects is Rs. 529 crores (approx.). The details of the projects are given in the Statement-I (See below).

(c) As per Statement-II.